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SUBJ: ASEAN SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING

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1. MFA ANNOUNCED NOV 10 THAT MEETING OF ASEAN SENIOR OFFICIALS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN KUALA LUMPUR NOV 11-12. MFA SECRETARY GENERAL TAN SRI ZAITON IBRAHIM WILL LEAD SIX-MAN MALAYSIAN DELEGATION (AND PRESUMABLY CHAIR MEETING). FOURTEEN-MAN INDONESIAN DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY MFA POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR DIDI DJAJADINIGRAT, EIGHT-MAN SINGAPORE DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY ASEAN SEC GEN TAN BOON SENG, NINE-MAN THAI DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE PHAN WANNAMATTEE AND NINE-MAN PHILIPPINE DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT UNDER SECRETARY JOSE INGLES. DELEGATIONS WILL ALSO MEET NOVEMBER 13 TO PREPARE FOR ASEAN SUMMIT MEETING.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS STATEMENT, GOM EXPECTS "FINAL DRAFT"

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OF BLUEPRINT FOR THE CONCEPT OF A SEA ZONE OF PEACE FREEDOM

AND NEUTRALITY TO BE COMPLETED DURING SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING. ISSUES OF PARTICULAR CONCERN WILL BE STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN THE EVENT OF A VIOLATION OF THE "CONCEPT" EITHER BY ASEAN COUNTRIES OF OUTSIDE POWERS. DISCUSSION WILL INCLUDE BOTH MULTI-LATERAL AND BI-LATERAL MEANS OF HANDLING OUTSIDE VIOLATIONS IN ADDITION TO REFERRING THESE TO THE UN.

3. COMMENT: AT LUNCH WITH AMBASSADOR AND DOD/ISA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ABRAMOWITZ NOV 9, MFA DEPUTY SEC GEN ZAKARIA EXPRESSED AWARENESS THAT ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEMS TO BE FACED BY ASEAN BEFORE IT CAN BE FULLY EFFECTIVE IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCEDURES FOR RESOLUTION OF INTRA-ZONAL FRICTIONS (SUCH AS THE SABAH-PHILIPPINE PROBLEM). HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT ASEAN NATIONS WOULD SOON AGREE TO THE PROPOSED MULTILATERAL TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP, AMITY AND COOPERATION THAT HAS BEEN EVOLVED TO BRIDGE EARLIER DIFFERENCES OVER A CONCILIATION MECHANISM.
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